

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A drive for a sliding door or swinging-sliding door of a rail vehicle comprising:

a guide rail fixed with respect to the rail vehicle;

a carriage longitudinally displaceable on the guide rail and carrying a door leaf;

a spindle drive including a spindle which extends parallel to the guide rail and a spindle nut which is fixedly connected with the carriage in the direction of the axis of the spindle;

wherein the spindle nut and the carriage are connected such that the carriage and the spindle nut move relative to each other at a single point of rotation and the connection between the spindle nut and the carriage includes a sliding hinge joint which permits a relative rotating movement between the spindle nut and the carriage as well as a displacing movement only between the spindle nut and the point of rotation at the joint.

2. (Previously Presented) The drive according to Claim 1, wherein the spindle nut has radially projecting ends that interact with an abutment of the carriage such that the radially projecting ends rotate about the abutment and simultaneously the abutment is displaced in the radial direction with respect to an axis of the spindle.

3. (Previously Presented) The drive according to Claim 2, wherein the abutment includes a bolt extending parallel to the guide rail.

4. (Previously Presented) The drive according to Claim 1, wherein mutually facing surfaces of components of the sliding hinge joint, which extend perpendicular to the guide rail, have a distance from one another which is closed by shims.

5. (Previously Presented) The drive according to Claim 1, wherein the sliding hinge joint includes the spindle nut and a cover which is slidable with respect to the spindle nut in a plane perpendicular to the axis of the spindle.

6. (Previously Presented) The drive according to Claim 5, wherein ends of the cover have passage holes parallel to the axis of the spindle and a bolt extends through the passage holes.

7. (Previously Presented) The drive according to Claim 5 wherein the cover consists of a piece of sheet metal and is bent around the spindle nut.

8. (Previously Presented) The drive according to Claim 7, wherein the spindle nut has ribs in planes perpendicular to the axis of the spindle, which ribs project into indentations or holes of the cover.

9. (Previously Presented) The drive according to claim 2, wherein the radially projecting ends of the nut are claw shaped.